

25 Wilton Place
London SW
April 25/03

My dear Gray

Oliver sent off from New your box
of General Plantation on Friday last 20th inst
and I posted from thence on Saturday the 21st
copy which came from the bades too late to
go in the box. A bitter cold N.E. wind has
prevented my going this week to New but I
hear from Oliver that the Liverpool agents
Mess^r Henry Diaper &c^c were to ship the box
per Atlas steamer to Boston to sail today
25th and that the Liverpool charges with
freight would be charged forward on you I
therefore enclose your account - a few
skiffing, extra expenses & portaging from New
are too trifling to add on - therefore the £56. 9. 6
will be all you will have to send me - a
notable contribution towards the cost of the
part which has been very heavy. I have
again to thank you for all the trouble you

have taken in the matter - It is a very great satisfaction to me to have now to see the final winding up of this work which I little expected to do even when I began the Orchidace some three or four years ago - and which never would have been the case if I had not worked steadily without any holiday interruption the last two summers - for since I examined the last plants (a bout October last) I have been gradually though slowly breaking down and am now unfit for any continuous work, although still retaining my sight and hearing etc. unimpaired

Ever yours most sincerely
George Bentham